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LETTER FROM CHARLES HENRY WISSNER.

ISLAND OF CEBU.

of Its People, Religion, and History—The Paradise of the Orient

By the courtesy of Sena-
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The flora consists of coconut trees, bananas, bread fruit trees, plantains, oranges that look as large as small sized watermelons, and taste like the pith of corn stalks, and lemons that are sour and bitter as they are large, hard woods of all kinds, and flowers galore.

The natives here are nearly all pure Malays with a slight admixture of Chinese blood. The natives are the laborers here; and the Chinese, the merchants and mechanics. The religion is Catholic with a terrible hatred of the Spanish and the Spanish priests. The Spaniards held this island in complete subjection from the time of Magellan (1521) till three years ago, when without a warning the natives rose, killed all the Spanish priests they could find, and drove the small garrison on the island into the town of Cebu, and besieged them in the fort. Reinforcements from Manila enabled them to regain control of the town; but for three years they held the seaport, while the rebels held the rest of the island, which is 120 miles long by from 20 to 30 wide. When the Spanish gave up the Philippines to the U. S., they embarked on a war vessel in the harbor, shelled the town for a couple of hours, and moved away leaving everything to the mercy of the rebels. Some days afterward our forces were welcomed here and everything was peaceable until one day in August, when, without a moment's warning, three of our soldiers were attacked, killed, and horribly mutilated. Then the trouble began. Most of the men armed themselves and fled to the mountains, and for three months, we have had a guerrilla warfare. The American loss here up to date has been about 12 killed and 30 wounded.

CEBU, THE CITY,
has about 35,000 people, and three magnificent churches with altars covered with gold and silver. The people are all supposed to be hostile to us. Few men ever leave the quarters without their rifles. With my usual curiosity, I have explored the town from end to end, and have had the pleasure of meeting some pretty good people. The language (Viscayan) is very easily learned, and I flatter myself upon being able to speak it with sufficient fluency to be able to buy anything I want and secure any information I may desire.

The natives live on anything—chiefly rotten fish and rotten meat, with fruits for dessert. They drink great quantities of palm wine made from the sap of the palm tree. Gold is very abundant here, and the mountains are said to contain any number of streams and valleys that would pay well to work. Our quarters are an old Spanish mansion whose floors and rafters are composed of mahogany. The buildings around our quarters are deserted, and from them we have furnished our home with tables of the finest woods, chairs, rockers, silver lamps, etc. Pearls of an inferior character are plentiful here, as the fishermen were pearl fishers prior to the outbreak of the war. When we once make our great round up here, there will be more than one man who will carry away enough pearls to enrich himself. We have great stories of plunder in Iloilo and Luzon.

I enclose you a scapular worn by all the Catholic women here. It is worn around the neck and has been blessed by the priests. It never leaves the body until it has been replaced by a new one. I have quite a collection of relics which I will try to send you some time when I get to a postoffice.

The Lenten season begins this year on the last day of February. The important days of the season are Ash Wednesday, February 28; Palm Sunday, April 8; Good Friday, April 13; Easter Sunday, April 15.

WILLIAM A. NESBIT.

After a lingering illness, the subject of this notice passed peacefully to rest at the residence of his son, Samuel A. Nesbit of this place, on last Friday evening, January 26, 1900.

Mr. Nesbit was born February 3, 1825, hence he died just one week short of seventy-five years of age. He was the son of John Nesbit of Perry county who was a prominent farmer, an elder in the Presbyterian church at Ikesburg, and a descendant of one of the early settlers in that county.

When but eight years of age, his father died, leaving to survive him his wife, a son, and daughter, the son being the Wm. A. Nesbit of this notice. The mother soon thereafter, rented the home farm, and purchased a home in New Bloomfield, to which she and the daughter moved—William going to live with an uncle who lived on a farm near.

At the age of sixteen he entered an academy at New Bloomfield, and while there ranked among the most intelligent and industrious students, having as a classmate the Rev. W. A. West, D. D., now president of Metzgar Institute.

After leaving school, he became a clerk in James Milligan's store at Ikesburg, and remained there until 1852, when he was married to Miss Magdalena Kirkpatrick of New Bloomfield.

The grand-father of this lady was a contractor and bridge builder, and among other properties, he owned a large tract of land in the suburbs of Philadelphia, which has since become very valuable. For some reason or other, he became offended at the other children and decided to leave all his property to Mrs. Nesbit's father. He had a will made to that effect—all ready for its final execution, when one day, he fell from a bridge and was killed. The property, of course, went to all the children, share and share alike.

Mr. Nesbit went to housekeeping at Ikesburg, Perry county, and after a few years, purchased the old home farm and moved onto it, where he remained until August 1869, when he came over to the Big Cove and purchased from George J. Pitman for \$11,000.00 the farm which he still owned at his death.

To this farm he came with his family in the fall of 1869. Since the death of his wife in 1889, he has rented the farm and lived a retired life, making his home most of the time with his son Samuel.

He spent a part of the summer 1868 looking over the state of Missouri with a view to purchasing a farm there. Being one day in St. Louis, he was one of a party who started to cross the Mississippi river in a skiff. Everything went well until they were out midway across the river when the skiff sprang a leak and if it had not been for a lunch bucket that Mr. Nesbit used very industriously, the whole party would likely have been drowned.

With the passing away of Mr. Nesbit, one of our best citizens has gone. For many years he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, a man who led a quiet life and was strictly just in his dealings with his neighbors.

Seven children survive him—Samuel A., John, Sarah Ann, William H., Charles, F. Albert K. and Ida—the boys all living in this county and the girls at New Bloomfield.

His body was interred in the family lot at Union cemetery, last Monday.

POOR ECONOMY.
Did you ever hear of a man who was too economical to take his home paper but sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by a neighbor? In his haste, the boy ran over a two dollar stand of bees, and in two seconds looked like a warty summer squash. His cries reached his father who came to his rescue, and failing to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into that, breaking the fence down, cutting a handful of fish bait out of his anatomy and ruining a four dollar pair of pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence, got out, ate forty cents worth of green clover and died of the blot. Hearing the racket the wife ran out, upset a four gallon churn of cream into a basket of kittens and drowned the whole mess. In the hurry she dropped and broke \$7 worth of false teeth. The baby left alone, crawled through the flood of cream into the parlor, ruining a brand new carpet. During the excitement, the oldest daughter ran off with a book agent, the dog broke up 11 setting hens, and the calves got out and chewed the sleeves from 4 fine shirts which hung on the line.

Now, learn a lesson. Think of how many times the price of a good paper you waste every year. Don't begin economy by starving the minds of your children, and depriving your wife of the pleasure that might come to her after a day's hard work when she could sit down to rest and enjoy reading about what is going on in the world around her, as she did before you married her. Don't wait another week. Send us a dollar bill and we will send you the FULTON COUNTY NEWS a whole year; and it has enough reading matter for every member of the family.

Douglas school, Tod township, will hold an entertainment, Friday evening, February 9, 1900, the proceeds of which will be used for a school library. All are cordially invited. Admission 5 cents.

SLOW BUT SURE.

McCONNELLSBURG'S STEADY GROWTH.

LATEST STATISTICS.

Comparison With the Past. We May Yet Be a Commercial Center.

L. H. Wible, Esq., teacher of the Grammar School in this place last week suggested to his pupils that it would be interesting to know more of our own town. His pupils were delighted with the idea; and with Mr. Wible as Supervisor, the town was divided, the work was quickly, and we believe, accurately done. Below we give some results of their investigation.

Population	602
Males	299
Females	303
Churches	5
Sunday Schools	5
Christian Endeavor Societies	4
Epworth League	1
Schools	4
Pupils	139
Hotels	3
General Merchandising Stores	5
Tailoring Establishments	3
Groceries	7
Racket Store	1
Jeweler	1
Drug Stores	2
Saddleries	1
Shoemaker Shops	3
Blacksmith	1
Coach Repair	1
Bank	1
Agricultural Implement	3
Hardware	1
Photographer	1
Butchers	3
Livery Stables	2
Planing Mill	1
Tanneries	2
Furniture Manufacturers	1
and Dealers	3
Barber Shops	3
Millineries	2
Physicians	4
Dentist	1
Veterinary Surgeon	1
Lawyers	8

From Rupp's History published in 1846, we find the following statement as to our borough in 1845.